

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 Claudio LACAGNINA et al.)
) Group Art Unit: 1791
 Application No.: 10/518,466)
) Examiner: JOHNSTONE, Adrienne C.
 Filed: December 22, 2004)
) Confirmation No.: 8385
 For: TYRE FOR VEHICLE WHEELS WITH)
 REINFORCED BEAD STRUCTURE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In an Election Requirement dated June 6, 2008, the period for response extending to July 7, 2008 as July 6, 2008 was a Sunday, the Examiner required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following species identified by the Examiner:

- 1). the tire whose insert enclosed by the carcass is at least one elongated metallic element having a plurality of radially superposed coils;
- 2). the tire whose insert enclosed by the carcass is an elastomeric material having a Shore A hardness of 70-90; and
- 3). the tire whose insert enclosed by the carcass is at least one elongated metallic element having a plurality of radially superposed coils and associated with an elastomeric filler.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute species 3, the tire whose insert enclosed by the carcass is at least one elongated metallic element having

a plurality of radially superposed coils and associated with an elastomeric filler. Claims 13-17 and 21-24 are directed to this elected species.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

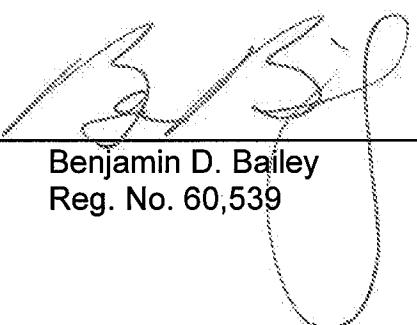
Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 7, 2008

By:

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